

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2006-107-WS - ORDER NO. 2006-321
MAY 25, 2006

IN RE: Application of United Utility Companies, Inc.) ORDER GRANTING
for Adjustment of Rates and Charges and) REQUESTS FOR LOCAL
Modification to Certain Terms and Conditions) PUBLIC HEARINGS
for the Provision of Water and Sewer Service.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (Commission) on the requests for local public hearings to be scheduled in the present docket. On April 10, 2006, United Utility Companies, Inc. (UUC or the Company) filed an Application with the Commission requesting approval of a new schedule of rates and charges and modifications to terms and conditions for the Company's water and sewer services provided to UUC's customers in South Carolina. Following public notice of UUC's Application, a request from an Anderson County resident was received by the Commission on May 4, 2006, asking that a hearing be scheduled with respect to UUC's Application, specifically requesting that this local public hearing be held in Anderson County, South Carolina. A request was also received from a Greenville County resident on May 8, 2006, requesting that a hearing be scheduled with respect to UUC's Application, specifically requesting that this local public hearing be held in Greenville County, South Carolina.

Upon consideration of the requests, the Commission finds that local public hearings in this docket should be scheduled and held in the evening in Anderson County and Greenville County, South Carolina. These hearings shall be scheduled in addition to the public hearing set to begin Monday, August 28, 2006, at 10:30 AM in the Commission's hearing room, Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina. Local public hearings will allow interested customers of UUC who cannot attend the hearing in Columbia to appear and present testimony and evidence relevant to UUC's Application. The hearings are being scheduled to provide a local forum and convenient time for customers of UUC and other interested persons not already parties to the proceeding. Parties of record in this docket who have filed Petitions to Intervene and who seek to cross-examine witnesses of UUC will present their testimony and exhibits at the public hearing on August 28, 2006. Further, UUC will present the Company's witnesses, testimony, and exhibits at the hearing to be held before the Commission in Columbia, South Carolina.

Upon consideration of the requests for local public hearings in Anderson County and Greenville County, the Commission makes the following findings:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A hearing on UUC's request for an adjustment in rates and charges and modifications to certain terms and conditions for the provision of water and sewer service is scheduled to be held in the Commission's hearing room located at 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina, and to begin on Monday, August 28, 2006, at 10:30 a.m.

2. The Company serves customers in certain areas located in South Carolina.

3. Local public hearings on the Application to be held in the evening in Anderson County, South Carolina and Greenville County, South Carolina will provide convenient forums for the customers of UUC to present evidence related to the Application to the Commission.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the Commission concludes as follows:

CONCLUSIONS

1. The Commission concludes that local public hearings held in the evening in Anderson County, South Carolina and Greenville County, South Carolina will allow interested customers to appear before the Commission to present evidence concerning the pending rate case Application.

2. The Commission concludes that local public hearings held in the evening in Anderson County, South Carolina and Greenville County, South Carolina will serve the public interest by providing customers affected by the rate Application a convenient forum in terms of location and time to appear before the Commission to present evidence related to the pending rate case Application.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

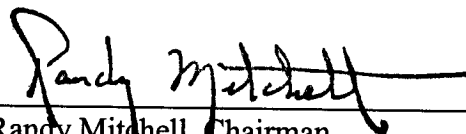
1. A local public hearing in the pending rate case Application filed by United Utility Companies, Inc. shall be held in the evening in Anderson County, South Carolina.

2. A local public hearing in the pending rate case Application filed by United Utility Companies, Inc. shall be held in the evening in Greenville County, South Carolina.

3. The Commission Staff is directed to find suitable locations and dates for the local public hearings and shall provide notice of the hearings to the parties in this docket and to the customers affected by the Application.


4. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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